



2007 ARMED FORCES MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **COMPETITION RULES:** Current ASA Rules, as amended by the Armed Forces Sports Council (AFSC).

2. **TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** Triple round-robin.

3. **SCORING:** IAW current ASA Rules.

4. **DRAW:** As determined by AFSC (Game schedule in paragraph 7 is based on 2007 draw).

5. **TIE BREAKER POLICY:** Breaking a tie at the conclusion of round-robin play is determined by:

- a. Head-to-Head record.
- b. Run differential between tied teams.
- c. Total runs accumulated in all games played.
- d. A single playoff game for first place will be played.

Note: Policy must be applied in order listed.

6. **FACILITY, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL:** IAW current ASA Rules. Shoes with metal cleats are not allowed in Armed Forces Softball competition. Balls must adhere to ASA specifications and match that of what is being used at the ASA National Championship. A 3-person officiating system will be utilized. Balls and Bats must adhere to ASA specifications. The only legal bats of the tournament will be provided by the host installation (based on recommendations by the participating Service teams). The host installation will announce ball to be used no later than 60 days prior to the championship. The recommendations for bats must be received no later than 30 days prior to the championship. The host installation will maintain inventory of bats to be used at the Armed Forces Championship. These bats will be the only legal bats at the championship (will have distinctive markings for umpire control).

7. **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Day One Teams Arrive

Day Two Team Photos
 Opening Ceremony Rehearsal (Optional)
 Team Practice Sessions
 Organizational Meeting
 Informal Ice Breaker

Note: Team members attending the Informal Ice Breaker Social are required to wear their service polo shirt with slacks (color determined by Service), and appropriate foot wear (no sneakers and sandals). Male personnel cannot wear earrings.

Day Three – First Round of Tournament Competition

Note: Following the first game of each session there will be a 20-minute delay prior to the start of the next game.

(HOME TEAM ON THE RIGHT)

0800	Game 1	USA vs. USMC
	Game 2	USAF vs. USN
1300	Game 3	USA vs. USN
	Game 4	USMC vs. USAF
1800	Opening Ceremony (Optional) – However, the National Anthem must be played prior the opening game played if a ceremony is not conducted.)	
1900	Game 5	USAF vs. USA
	Game 6	USN vs. USMC

Day Four – Second Round of Tournament Competition

Note: Following the first game of each session there will be a 20-minute delay prior to the start of the next game.

(HOME TEAM ON THE RIGHT)

0800	Game 7	USAF vs. USMC
	Game 8	USN vs. USA
1300	Game 9	USA vs. USAF
	Game 10	USMC vs. USN
1900	Game 11	USMC vs. USA
	Game 12	USN vs. USAF

Day Five – Third Round of Tournament Competition

Note: Following the first game of each session there will be a 20-minute delay prior to the start of the next game.

0800	Game 13 USAF vs. USA* Game 14 USN vs. USMC*
1300	Game 15 USA vs. USMC* Game 16 USAF vs. USN*
1900	Game 17 USA vs. USN* Game 18 USMC vs. USAF*

*(HOME TEAM DETERMINED BY COIN TOSS PRIOR TO GAME)

Awards Ceremony - (Immediately following the final game) Service teams are required to wear like-Service issued team apparel or competitive uniforms at the awards ceremony (except footwear). Individual athletes who do not comply will not receive awards or be selected to the Armed Forces team. If the Awards Ceremony is conducted in conjunction with the Informal Ice Breaker, then all Service Members must comply with Ice Breaker dress policy.

Day Six Teams Depart

8. ADVERSE WEATHER SCHEDULE: The schedule may be adjusted as follows due to extreme hot climates at southern tier locations: 0800 first set of games; 1700 second set of games; third set of games 20 minutes after the conclusion of the second set. Saturday and Sunday will be used for make-up games in case of inclement weather.

9. AWARDS:

a. Individual: Each member of the winning and runner-up teams (to include the team trainer and OIC) receive individual awards.

b. Team: No team trophy is presented.

c. All-Tournament: An "All Star" team is selected of the best 11 players (by position) of the tournament. This team is announced prior to the announcement of the 15 players selected to advance to higher-level competition. The Host Project Officer will select and purchase a special "All-Tournament" memento and present to each member of the "All-Tournament" team.

10. TEAM COMPOSITION - ARMED FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP:

Roster not to exceed 19 individuals:

15 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer

1 OIC

11. SELECTION PROCESS - HIGHER LEVEL AND ALL-TOURNAMENT: The AFSWG members, or designated representatives, at the site of the Armed Forces Championship are responsible for the selection of the Armed Forces team for higher-level competition. The following guidelines are used in the selection process:

- a. The initial selection for the All-Tournament Team and the Armed Forces Team will be conducted as a paper ballot, submitted simultaneously by each Service Representative to the host project officer at the beginning of the selection meeting. Submitted ballots are final. Ties will be discussed by the selection panel to finalize the selections.
- b. Most competent athletes, regardless of Service affiliation, will be selected.
- c. Service representatives reserve the right to not select top quality candidates based on behavior, grooming standards, or availability.

Note: Coach Selection Policy - The Service Representatives on site will select the coach of the Armed Forces Team for higher competition. The Service Representatives will also select the assistant coach. Coaches for Armed Forces teams must be selected from the pool of coaches who participated at the respective Armed Forces Championship at that position. In the event all coaches are unavailable to advance to higher level competitions, Working Group members will move to find a qualified replacement(s). If replacement(s) cannot be obtained within 24 hours preceding the announcement of the team delegation, then the Armed Forces team will not participate.

12. TEAM COMPOSITION – NATIONALS:

As follows or as dictated by host invitation:

15 Players

1 Coach

1 Asst Coach

1 Certified Athletic Trainer

1 Team Captain

TOTAL: 19

13. FORMS AND ROSTERS: All Higher Level Advancement forms and Service Team Rosters for the Armed Forces Championship must be turned into the Host Project Officer at the Organizational Meeting.